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Re: Applicants: Manuel J. Villa, et al.
Title: CELLS ENGINEERED TO CONTAIN GENES OF INTEREST
Serial No.: 10/651,207
Filed: August 29, 2003
Art Unit: 1636
Examiner: K. Katcheves
Docket No.: 99-006-DIV

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following for filing in connection with the above-referenced application:

1. A Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (4 pp.).

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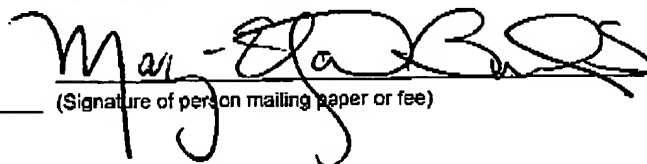
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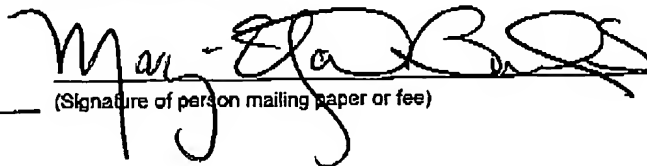
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NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board from the decision
of the Primary Examiner, mailed November 15, 2005, finally

rejecting claims 1-38.

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1. Status of Applicant

This application is on behalf of:

☒ a small entity - verified statement

☐ is attached.

☒ was already filed on August 29, 2003.

☐ other than a small entity.

2. Fee for Filing Notice of Appeal

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e), the fee for filing the Notice of Appeal is::

☒ small entity \$250.00

☐ other than a small entity \$500.00

Notice of Appeal fee due \$250.00

3. Extension of Term

NOTE: The time periods set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.191 are subject to the provision of § 1.136 for patent applications. 37 C.F.R. 1.191(d) (But see 37 C.F.R. 1.645 for extension of time in interference proceedings and 37 C.F.R. 1.550(c) for extension of time in reexamination proceedings.)

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

- (a) ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1) - (a)(5)) for the total number of months checked below:

	<u>LARGE ENTITY</u>	<u>SMALL ENTITY</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 120	\$ 60
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 450	\$ 225
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$1,020	\$ 510
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,590	\$ 795
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$2,160	\$1,080
Fee:		\$ - 0 -

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

- ☒ An extension for two months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$225.00 is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$285.00

or

- (b) ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

4. Total Fee Due

The total fee due is:

Notice of Appeal fee	\$250.00
Extension fee (if any)	\$285.00
TOTAL FEE DUE	\$535.00

5. FEE PAYMENT

- ☐ Applicant encloses herewith a check totaling \$_____.

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6. FEE DEFICIENCY

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